

The State Governments/UT Administrations have accordingly been asked to identify the beneficiaries below the poverty line, issue special ration cards to them and make all arrangements for delivery of foodgrains to the beneficiaries in a satisfactory and transparent manner. As soon as a State/UT completes this exercise it can start deriving the benefits under the Targeted Public Distribution System. The Scheme of Targeted PDS will, however, become effective throughout the country from 1st June, 1997.

Livestock Feed Industry

3775. SHRI ANANT GUDHE : Will the Minister of ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Stringent controls hinder growth of livestock feed industry" appearing in the 'Economic Times', dated February 24, 1997;

(b) if so, the facts thereof and reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the details of fresh policy measures taken/under consideration for the speedy growth of livestock feed industry in terms of growth perceptions for the 9th Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir

(b) and (c) Some important steps initiated by the Government for promoting the growth of livestock feed industry include:

- (i) Poultry feed manufacture (except in pellet form), which has so far been reserved for the small sector, is being dereserved.
- (ii) Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, falling under Chapter No. 23 of Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 continue to be fully exempted from excise duty.
- (iii) Import of feed ingredients like amino acids attract concessional customs duty.

[Translation]

Triple Super Phosphate

3776. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States being supplied triple super phosphate fertilizer;

(b) the total quantity supplied to each of these States;

(c) the total amount given as subsidy to each of the States on the same; and

(d) the names of the institutions or the organisations through which it has been supplied to the States?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) Triple Super Phosphate is not produced in the country and not supplied to any State.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

[English]

Setting up of Finance Development Corporations

3777. SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have constituted the National Handicapped Finance Development Corporation and National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation;

(b) if so, the guidelines along with powers jurisdiction and life etc. of these corporations; and

(c) the time by which both the corporations will start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes sir.

- (i) The National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation has been set up as Company not for profit under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956, w.e.f. 24th January, 1997, with its Headquarters at Faridabad (Haryana).
- (ii) The National Safai Karamchari Finance Development Corporation has been incorporated on 24th January, 1997, as a Company not for profit under Section 25 of Companies Act, 1956, with its Registered office at Delhi.

(b) A copy of the guidelines/objectives etc. of these Corporations is attached as statements-I and II, respectively.

2. The jurisdiction of National Handicapped Finance and Development Corporation extends to handicapped individuals or groups of handicapped individuals by Way of loans and advances for economically and financially viable schemes and projects. It shall assist in upgradation of technical and entrepreneurial skills of handicapped persons for efficient management of production units and set up infrastructural activities for rehabilitation/upliftment of handicapped persons.